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In connection with the Office Action dated September 18, 2007 in the aboveentitled application, Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension in which to file a response, from December 18, 2007 to February 18, 2008. Since the due date for Commissioner for Patents February 19, 2008 Page 2 of 2

filing a response fell on Monday, February 18, 2008, which was a federal holiday, a response is being timely filed on Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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